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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Office Action mailed May 15, 2006 has been reviewed and carefully considered.

The Examiner has suggested that the present application contains claims directed to two (2) patentably distinct species, or inventions and identifies the species as the following:

- A) Group I, claims 1-44 drawn to an exercise device; and
- B) Group II, claims 45-46 drawn to an handle arrangment.

Applicant hereby elects Group I and the claims 1-44 drawn to the same, without prejudice.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 50-1433.

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